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## A message from the Interim Head of School:



Here we are at the end of March with hearts full of praise to our God for continuing to guide and provide. Third quarter is in the books and we are in the homestretch to commencement. Faculty, staff, and students are doing well and plans for next year are moving forward.

The Lord has continued to provide financially through the gifts of so many of our alumni and friends. To date the Academy has received \$756,038 toward our original goal of \$850,000. Back in September when this goal was first shared with you, it was a challenge to our faith that it would be reached. But God has indeed shown us this ".....great and mighty thing which we knew not." And I believe by June 30 we will surpass the goal.



There remains uncertainty as normal costs are increasing and we are committed to not spending next year's tuition currently being received. Those funds are in a savings account earning 4%+ interest and will provide a stable financial foundation for next school year.

foundational pieces of Houghton Academy's ministries. Thank you.

Faithfully,

Philip G. Stockin

Interim Head of School

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## 2026-27 Planning



We are excited to announce a new partnership with Elevate Athletics to launch Houghton Prep, a competitive prep basketball program that will be based on the Academy's campus in Houghton, New York.

This new program, led by coach Titus Aherns, will bring together high-level basketball development and Houghton Academy's long-standing tradition of academic excellence. The Houghton Prep team will compete locally and nationally, creating meaningful opportunities for student-athletes who aspire to play American college basketball. The program will also serve as a pathway for international students who are seeking the opportunity to study and compete in the United States.

The Academy has built a strong reputation across Western New York for providing a supportive learning environment that prepares students for success in college and beyond. By hosting the Houghton Prep program, the Academy continues its commitment to offering innovative opportunities that help students grow academically, athletically, and personally.

habits required to succeed at the collegiate level, while students benefit from the strong academic foundation and community that Houghton Academy provides.

Houghton Academy looks forward to welcoming student-athletes from across the country and around the world as the Houghton Prep program begins this exciting new chapter.



**Exciting News for Homeschooling Families!**

**NEW FOR FALL 2026**

**5th GRADE CLASS ADDED!**

**WEDNESDAY ELECTIVES**  
for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Homeschoolers

**STEM LAB**

**ART**

**DRAMA**

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**CHAPEL**

**LANGUAGE EXPLORATION**  
Arabic \* Spanish \* Vietnamese \*  
Luganda

**250 PER QUARTER**

**JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING!**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**AT 7PM @ HOUGHTON ACADEMY**

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Student Life and Academics



We had 55 students present their passion projects at Exhibition Night on March 24, 2026. Each student created an exhibit to showcase their 9 weeks of research and learning about a self-selected topic that reflects their own unique and God-given interests and gifts. Students had the opportunity to talk with educators, peers, and community members about what they learned and did throughout this 9 week project. They all did an excellent job, and we are so thrilled to share and celebrate their learning and achievements!

## Men's Basketball Wrap-up



Looking back on the 2025-26 basketball season reflects so many positive memories. For the first time in the last decade, we had 12 varsity team members begin and end the season together. We had a lot of exciting games and finished the season winning 2 out of the last 3. Most importantly we continued reaching towards the goal of doing the best we can with the ability God has given us and defining our season by using three pillars that support our main goal.

our group of young men take on the challenge of striving to reach our goals for 4 consecutive months.

We also had a milestone met this season with the 3rd male basketball player in Houghton Academy history to reach 1,000 points in his career. Josh Davidson finished with 1,047 career points. This season he led our team in scoring, averaging 21 points per game. Jerry Pham was our leading rebounder. Our seniors, who we will miss next season, are Josh Davidson, Hoang Phung, David Hoang, Arthur Wang, and Micah Gena. The coaches want to thank all the players for their commitment and dedication this year.

## Alumni Spotlight

Sue Roorbach Hellings '73 and Peg Roorbach Shrum '74 were inducted into the Allegany County Sports Hall of Fame (ACSHF) on March 28, 2026. The ACSHF receives members from each of the high schools in Allegany County. Each school submits its nominees who are welcomed at a banquet in March of each year. Sue and Peg were accompanied by family and friends and Jeff Prentice (HA Athletic Director) and Philip G. Stockin (HoS).

Sue and Peg were at HA when girls sports were in their infancy, and the sisters set the bar high for all future HA athletes. They led HA teams to several county championships in soccer, basketball, and volleyball.

They went on to stellar careers at Houghton University where they both were previously elected to its Athletic Hall of Fame. After college, Sue went on to a long career of teaching math and Peg coached at the college level for several years and then went into Bible translation service with Wycliffe.

Congratulations to Sue and Peg. You have done your Alma Mater and our Lord well.



# Student Profile - Transforming Lives



## Introducing Chenming Hu, An 11th Grader from Shanghai China

When asked if she thinks her advice is always good, Chenming answered without hesitation, "Yes, of course," showing confidence in her own ideas. The best piece of advice she has ever received is "Live longer and be happy everyday"—a simple life philosophy that seems to guide her daily attitude.

At Houghton Academy, Chenming's favorite teacher is Mrs. Mulema. She mentioned two main reasons: first, Mrs. Mulema is gentle and makes people feel comfortable; second, she gives students lots of opportunities and resources to help them grow academically and personally. This kind of support means a lot to Chenming.

When asked what sport she would add to the school, Chenming's answer was straightforward: "Nothing." Sports just aren't really her thing. What Chenming loves about Houghton Academy is simple and heartfelt—her friends and all the faculty. Regarding Chapel, she appreciates that we have different guest speeches every week, it allows students to "learn from good people."

Chenming's way of serving others is unique—she tells jokes to make people happy. This simple yet effective approach echoes her personal motto of being happy every day. When asked what makes Houghton Academy special, Chenming pointed to its small size: "Less people, smaller class size." This close-knit environment allows her to feel more connected and receive more attention and interaction. Chenming's best memories at Houghton Academy are the Halloween Dance and Lock In. For her, the Halloween Dance is all about dressing up in costumes, dancing, and sharing laughs with friends. Lock In

## Faculty Appreciation



Three cheers of appreciation for Mrs. Caitlin Glover and her adventurous spirit on many recent middle school adventures. Houghton Academy's middle school program puts a high premium on active learning, and Mrs. Glover is an important member of our growing middle school team. - Nancy Gates - Middle School Academic Principal

## Principal's Corner

As we navigate the second half of our academic year, my thoughts and efforts are increasingly focused on the horizon and the intentional steps we are taking to prepare for the upcoming fall.

Currently, much of my daily work involves the intricate process of building next year's class schedule, a task that represents far more than just logistics. It is an exploration of how we can best align our resources to meet the needs of every student while fostering an environment of excellence and growth.

Central to this planning is a deep collaboration with our dedicated faculty. I am spending significant time meeting with teachers to explore how we can offer a wider array of electives that reflect both their professional expertise and the diverse interests of our student body. We want our elective program to be a space where students can discover new talents and engage with subjects that spark genuine curiosity and a love for learning.



every classroom. We believe that challenging our students is one of the greatest forms of respect we can show them, as it acknowledges their immense potential. This focus on rigor is not about simply increasing the workload, but rather about deepening the quality of thought, analysis, and discipline required in all subjects to ensure our graduates are prepared for the complexities of the world beyond our halls.

Furthermore, we are prioritizing the transition to higher education by making more college-level classes available to our upperclassmen. We are particularly excited to leverage our unique location by expanding opportunities for students to take courses at Houghton University. This partnership allows our students the incredible advantage of walking directly onto the university campus to attend classes, providing a literal and figurative bridge to their future. While this is a priority for our juniors as they begin to explore advanced coursework, it is especially critical for our seniors as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives. We remain committed to fostering an environment where academic excellence and personal growth go hand in hand, and I look forward to the growth these changes will bring to our school community.

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